

## DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

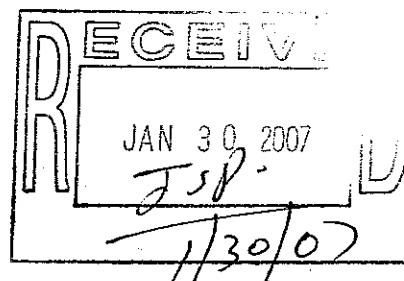
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January 26, 2007

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cc: 1. Steve Bradley  
2. Dan Fua  
3. Scott Morgan  
4. Board Members  
(Meeting)

A letter from Rodney G. Mayer, Chief of the Division of Flood Management, Department of Water Resources (DWR) informing local agencies of deficient maintenance of a levee between the Knights Landing outfall gates and Highway 113 was sent out on September 14, 2006. Pursuant to the responses from the County of Yolo (County) and the Knights Landing Ridge Drainage District (KLRDD) that they have no desire to maintain the levee, DWR has prepared a statement of necessary work, (attached) to assure that the levee is properly maintained. This statement is required by California Water Code Section 12878.1 and is the first step in the formation of a State maintenance area. This new maintenance area will be designated Maintenance Area No. 18 (MA 18).

According to Water Code Section 12878.4, your agencies have 45 days from the receipt of this statement to protest it. You are advised that, in the absence of a protest, Water Code Section 12878.5 requires the State to adopt the estimated cost of maintenance in fiscal year 2006-2007, provided in the attached statement, as the budget for State maintenance of the project. Adoption of a budget implies that the estimated total cost will be the net amount, after County costs, to be assessed in 2006-2007 against the properties in MA 18. Assessments for successive years will depend on actual costs for past years as well as the adopted budget for the coming year, so that the eventual result is assessment only for actual costs.

Please be aware that this phase of the MA 18 formation process deals only with adequate maintenance of the project and the cost thereof, and your approval or protest should be based only on the content of the Statement of Necessary Work and the accompanying budget proposal. Should you object, the Water Code provides for a hearing within 30 days, open to the public, with ten-day notice of the hearing to the County and KLRDD, but with no public notice. The hearing would be primarily a conference between the State, the County, and KLRDD to hear objections to and defense of the Statement, and the State will rule on any changes after a 30-day period following the hearing.

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The hearing process is intended for proceedings where the State proposes to establish a maintenance area in opposition to the desires of the local maintaining agency, because of inadequate maintenance. This is different than the present situation where there is no maintaining agency. However, it affords a convenient opportunity for reassessment of the situation and altering course if appropriate.

If the County and KLRDD accept the Statement of Necessary Work, the State will proceed to delineate a proposed boundary of MA 18 (assessment area) and interior zones if appropriate. A required hearing will follow to assure County, KLRDD, and public input to that part of the process. The Water Code requires the boundary hearing to be well advertised and open to any public comments relevant to the boundaries, the zones, or the benefits received by continued operation and maintenance of the project. Following the boundary hearing, the State will establish MA 18 by resolution and begin maintaining the project.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (916) 574-1302, or Noel Lerner, Chief of DWR's Maintenance Support Branch at (916) 574-2739.

Sincerely,



Keith E. Swanson, Acting Chief  
Division of Flood Management

Attachments

cc: (See attached list.)

✓ The Reclamation Board  
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STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
REGARDING  
NECESSARY WORK TO MEET FEDERAL MAINTENANCE STANDARDS  
FOR THE FEDERAL PORTION OF THE KNIGHTS LANDING LEVEE NOT BEING  
MAINTAINED BY AN AGENCY

This statement has been prepared in compliance with the provisions of Sections 12878.1 and 12878.2 of the California Water Code.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has established requirements for levees to be maintained by a Local Maintaining Agency or by a State Maintenance Area.

The State has determined that a unit within the project is not being operated or maintained in accordance with the standards established by federal regulations. The State has determined that a Maintenance Area is needed and will form one to maintain the unit.

The unit consists of approximately 0.5 miles on the southeast levee of the Colusa Basin Drain from the Knights Landing Outfall Gates to State Highway 113 where it crosses Knights Landing Ridge Cut.

It is estimated that State maintenance will begin late in fiscal year 2006-2007. Estimated costs are provided for fiscal year 2006-2007 and fiscal year 2007-2008.

The work to be done for fiscal year 2006-2007 includes: performing routine maintenance required to meet federal standards; providing vegetation control, crowning the roadway, controlling rodents, supervising, inspecting, building minor structures, and reviewing maintenance; providing engineering and environmental support; acquiring annual materials stock; arranging for vehicle service; renting heavy equipment; hiring supplemental labor; obtaining required permits; acquiring vehicles and equipment; and stocking flood-fight materials. The proposed maintenance area budget for fiscal year 2006-2007 is \$129,210.

The work to be done for fiscal year 2007-2008 includes: performing routine maintenance required to meet federal standards; providing vegetation control, crowning the roadway, controlling rodents, supervising, inspecting, and reviewing the maintenance; providing engineering and environmental support; acquiring annual

materials stock; arranging for vehicle service; renting heavy equipment; hiring supplemental labor; purchasing land and establishing an environmental mitigation site required by regulator agency permits; and obtaining required permits. The estimated maintenance area budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 is \$92,979.

The particular items of work and the cost of each are detailed on the attached Exhibit A, "Proposed Distribution of Work in State Maintenance Area No. 18, Colusa Basin Drain, Yolo County."

By Keith E. Swanson  
Keith E. Swanson, Acting Chief  
Division of Flood Management

Date 1/26/07

**EXHIBIT B**  
**PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF WORK IN**  
**MAINTENANCE AREA NO. 18**

**KNIGHTS LANDING**  
**YOLO COUNTY**

2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Fiscal Years Budgets

<b>JOB CATEGORY</b>	<b>2006-2007 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
Vegatation Control	\$ 20,268.00	\$ 3,969.00
Rodent Control	\$ 11,340.00	\$ 6,804.00
Encroachments	\$ 2,268.00	\$ 2,268.00
Levee Restoration	\$ 20,916.00	\$ 3,087.00
Crown Roadway	\$ 7,308.00	\$ 756.00
Minor Structures	\$ 2,268.00	\$ 567.00
Materials	\$ 9,475.00	\$ 2,425.00
Inspections	\$ 567.00	\$ 567.00
Overhead Costs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Environmental Compliance	\$ 52,800.00	\$ -
Mitigation	\$ -	\$ 66,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 129,210.00</b>	<b>\$ 88,443.00</b>